IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 40 (Canceled)

41. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head with a line, the head comprising:

a housing;

at least one spool placed in said housing and on which a line can be wound, said spool including an anchor for the line, said anchor being arranged to be accessible from outside said housing to enable the line to be connected to said anchor of said spool without taking said spool out of said housing;

a feed mechanism in said housing for feeding the line from said spool;

a winding mechanism in said housing for rotating said spool to enable a supply of the line to be wound onto said spool;

a stop connected to said housing to hold said spool in said housing while the line is being connected to said anchor.

42. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 41, wherein:

said winding mechanism rotates said spool from outside at least a portion of said housing without taking said spool out of said housing;

said stop holds said spool in said housing while said supply of line is being wound onto said spool.

43. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 41, wherein:

said stop and said anchor are arranged spaced from each other in a radial direction of said spool.

44. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 41, wherein:

said spool defines a center opening;

said stop and said housing connect to each other though said center opening of said spool;

said stop extends radially outward farther than said center opening of said spool.

45. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 44, wherein:

said anchor is arranged radially farther outward than said stop.

46. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 41, wherein:

said anchor defines a line receiving hole opening in an axial direction of said spool.

47. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 41, wherein:

said feed mechanism includes a spring-action member;

said stop opposes action of said spring-action member when the head is opened to render said spool accessible from the outside;

said spool defines access slots providing access to said anchors.

48. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 47, wherein:

said stop includes retention members that act against the force of said spring-action member, preventing said spring action member from escaping from the housing when the housing is open to enable said supply of cutting line to be wound onto the spool;

said stop includes a support connected to said housing, said support rotatably holding said spool between said housing and said support;

an annular cover is connected to said housing and covers a side of said spool diametrically opposite said housing, said annular cover covers said access slots.

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49. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 41, wherein:

said feed mechanism comprises in combination an actuating slider, a first series of feeding teeth integral with said spool and a second series of feeding teeth integral with said spool, feed teeth of the first series engaging with a first feed stop or group of feed stops rotationally fixed to said housing and feed teeth of the second series engaging with a second feed stop or group of feed stops rotationally fixed to said housing, positions of arrest of said spool defined by the first series of feed teeth and by the first feed stop or group of feed stops being angularly offset relative to positions of arrest of said spool defined by the second series of feed teeth and by the second feed stop or group of feed stops;

and movement of said actuating slider causes an axial movement of the spool between two positions to bring the feed teeth of the first series or the feed teeth of the second series

alternately into engagement with their respective feed stops, the spring-action member exerting a force on the spool.

50. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 49, wherein:

said housing includes a housing portion through which extends an axial hub of a rotary drive, and said spool being placed around said housing portion;

said stop includes a support connected to said housing, said support rotatably holding said spool between said housing and said support, said support defining axially elongated openings;

said first feed stop and said second feed stop are connected to said actuating slider, said first and second feed stops pass through said axially elongate openings in said support and engage with said feed teeth on the spool; and

an annular cover closes said housing and extends around the support for said spool.

51. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 50, wherein:

said support has winding teeth engaging with corresponding winding teeth on said housing portion.

52. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 51, wherein:

said winding teeth are shaped so as to allow rotation of the support and of the spool in a winding direction and prevent rotation in an opposite direction.

53. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 50, wherein:

said support for said spool has a cylindrical wall around which the spool is placed and said support also includes a supporting collar supporting said spool.

54. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 53, wherein:

said support has a cylindrical support in which said actuating slider moves, the actuating slider being elastically pressed by said spring-action member.

55. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 53, wherein:

a generally cylindrical closing wall extends from said supporting collar, said annular cover is mounted on said cylindrical closing wall.

56. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head in accordance with claim 55, wherein:

a circular skirt defines a circumferential wall of the housing, said annular cover has an edge that embraces said circular skirt.

57. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 47, wherein:

said stop includes retention members that act against the force of said spring-action member, preventing said spring action member from escaping from the housing when the housing is open to enable said supply of cutting line to be wound onto the spool;

said spool presses, under the action of said spring-action member, against said retention

members integral with the housing.

58. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 57, wherein:

said retention members comprise anti-rotation means for manual rotation of the spool in a winding direction and prevent or obstruct rotation in an unwinding direction, said antirotation means being fitted between the said retention members and said spool.

59. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 58, wherein said anti-rotation means comprise a layer of friction material.

60. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 58, wherein said anti-rotation means comprise teeth.

61. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 60, wherein said teeth are integral with the spool.

62. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 61, wherein said teeth engage with said retention members.

63. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 61, wherein said retention members have complementary teeth to the teeth on the spool.

64. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 57, wherein said retention members comprise one or more projections integral with a circumferential wall of the housing and projecting into its interior to form a rest for said spool.

65. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 64, wherein said projection includes an annular collar.

66. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 64, wherein said projections include tabs spaced apart and forming resting points distributed circumferentially around the periphery of said spool.

67. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 64, wherein said projections include radial pegs spaced apart and forming resting points distributed circumferentially around the periphery of said spool.

68. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 64, wherein said projection or projections are mounted on the circumferential wall of the housing.

69. (Currently Amended) ~~Grass-cutting~~ A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 64, wherein said projections include spring-action tabs formed in one piece with said circumferential wall of the housing.

70. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 57, wherein said retention members are located in the central region of the spool.

71. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 70, wherein said retention members are engaged on an axial hub in the head.

72. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 68, wherein said retention members include a system of elastic snap engagements extending through an axial through hole in said spool in order to engage on said housing.

73. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 72, wherein said retention members comprise a sleeve extending axially through said axial hole of the spool and ending in snap-engaging spring-action tabs, in the interior of which is a seat for engagement of an axial hub, said seat having a cross section such as to be coupled in torsion with the said axial hub.

74. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 70, wherein said retention members comprise spring-action projections integral with said housing and extending through an axial through hole in the spool, for snap engagement with the edge of said spool.

75. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 57, wherein said

retention members include a collar coaxial with the spool, engaged on the circumferential wall of the housing and forming a retention stop for said spring-action member.

76. (Previously presented) A grass-cutting head as claimed in claim 75, wherein said collar is integral with fasteners forming spring-action tabs that engage in corresponding seats let into the circumferential wall of the housing.

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77. (Currently Amended) A cutting head comprising:

a housing:

a spool rotatably mounted in said housing[[,]] for winding cutting line ~~being windable~~ on said spool;

a feed mechanism in said housing for rotating said spool in an unwinding direction in said housing and feeding the cutting line off of said spool;

a winding mechanism in said housing for rotating said spool in a winding direction while said spool is in said housing and winding the cutting line onto said spool, said winding mechanism including winding teeth rotatable with said spool and winding teeth fixed on said housing, said winding teeth having a shape to slide past each other when said spool is wound in said winding direction, said shape of said winding teeth blocking rotation of said spool with respect to said housing in said unwinding direction;

a stop connected to said housing and blocking separation of said spool from said housing during winding of the cutting line by said winding mechanism, said stop including a

support connected to said housing, said support rotatably holding said spool between said housing and said support.

78. (Previously presented) A head in accordance with claim 77, wherein:

said spool has projections to facilitate rotation of the spool by hand in the housing in order to cause the supply of line to be wound up.

79. (Previously presented) A head in accordance with claim 77, wherein:

said feed mechanism bypasses said winding mechanism to feed the cutting line off said spool.

80. (Previously presented) A head in accordance with claim 77, wherein:

said stop and said winding mechanism share common structure;

said winding mechanism forms a rotatable connection between said spool and said housing, said winding teeth rotatable with the housing being on a housing side of said rotatable connection, and said winding teeth rotatable with said spool being on a spool side of said rotatable connection.